

Introduction

Stephanie Meegan has provided prevention programs and educational services for teachers, administrators, parents, law enforcement and healthcare professionals across the U.S. and Canada for fifty years.

Since the 1980's, she has worked to strengthen the resiliency of children by:

- expanding children's social skills and move through and beyond conflicts,
- increasing skills to lower the risk of children to abuse and abduction,
- addressing the developmental and learning needs of boys,
- intervening effectively with youth who bully or are bullied,
- helping children manage stress, loss and change,
- encouraging the character development and moral reasoning of youth.

She authored two nationally recognized programs for children:

- The award-winning **Peer Proofing** helps youth develop assertiveness skills and develop strategies to defuse negative peer pressure.
- The prevention principles developed for **Kids & Company: Together for Safety** became the foundation for many prevention resources provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Consulting for the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology, Stephanie developed tools and resources to help departments of education and school districts to plan strategically for, and embed technology into, teaching and learning for the 21st century.

Stephanie did archival research and authored the educators guide for **Damrell's Fire**. This historical documentary tells the story of the Great Boston Fire of 1872 and Chief John Damrell who saved Boston from the devastation that had leveled Chicago the year before. An unsung American hero, Damrell founded the national association of fire chiefs. He then devoted the rest of his life to building the coalition that resulted in the first national building codes that eventually saved American cities from burning to the ground in the 20th century. The groundbreaking documentary premiered on PBS.

Stephanie began her career as a Masco social studies teacher. Later she was elected to the Boxford school committee. Stephanie continues to serve our communities as a member of the Tri-Town Council's Coalition & the Boxford Cultural Council.